

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to their duties at the Hall of Records, the Archivist expects the members of the staff to keep themselves informed of new developments in our field, and to take part in the work of archival and historical societies.

Since the meeting of the Society of American Archivists was held in Annapolis October 15 and 16, 1951, all the members of the staff were able to attend meetings in which they were especially interested and to meet people who are in similar fields in other States and in the Federal Government. The Archivist served as chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee and he was assisted by every member of the staff. Mr. Skordas and Mr. Thomas also served as members of the Committee. The Archivist was a member of the State Archives Committee, and Mr. Skordas was on the Committee for Archival Buildings and Equipment.

Mr. Thomas was reelected Secretary of the Society of American Archivists, and he attended the joint luncheon meeting of the Society and the American Historical Association, December 29, 1951, in New York City. Mr. Thomas also spoke at a meeting of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, April 29, 1952, and published two reviews. Mr. Hively visited the archives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and viewed the manuscript collections of the Boston University Library.

The Executive Board of the International Council on Archives, a division of UNESCO, held its annual meeting in Washington April 9-11, 1952. The members of the Board visited the Hall of Records on April 9. The group consisted of the President, Dr. Charles Braibant, Director of the Archives of France and Mrs. Braibant; the Vice President for the Western Hemisphere, Dr. Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, and Mrs. Grover; the Secretary General, Dr. Lester K. Born, Special Assistant on the Microfilm Program at the Library of Congress; Dr. Purnendu Basu, National Archives of India and Assistant Archivist of the United Nations; Dr. Solon J. Buck, Assistant Librarian of Congress and Mrs. Buck. The Board members were accompanied by Mr. Thomas Liverman, Interpreter at the Department of State. This group from Washington and Colonel William D. McCain, President of the Society of American Archivists, were shown the Hall of Records and the town of Annapolis, and were entertained at lunch at the home of the Archivist and Mrs. Radoff.